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Downtown's Vision Starting to Take Shape

Downtown Transit Center Open

Are gas prices getting you down? Are you tired of sitting in traffic congestion?

If you're ready for an alternative to driving your car, consider the bus and check out Redmond's new Downtown Transit Center.

On February 6, the City of Redmond, King County Metro, and Sound Transit unveiled the

new transit center, which can be found at the same location as the old bus transfer facility on NE 83 Street between 161 and 164 Avenue NE. This partnership project is one of many future steps towards realizing Redmond's community vision to provide convenient, safe and efficient alternatives to travel by car.

Improvements at the new Downtown Transit Center increase passenger loading capacity and enhance transit operations. Off-street layover space and more area for transit to maneuver are expected to improve operations, while

larger rider shelters and the surrounding streetscape design will help achieve the pedestrian and bicycle-supportive environment goals established in Redmond's Transportation Master Plan. Continuous sidewalks on both sides of NE 83 Street, higher-visibility pedestrian crossings, and a reduction in car/bus/pedestrian conflict points support the City's intention to establish NE 83 Street as a pedestrian-supportive promenade across downtown.

Construction will begin sometime this year to transform Metro's 4.8-acre surface park and ride lot on the south side of NE 83 Street into a downtown urban center. This future transit-oriented development will include residential and retail development while maintaining the existing park and ride function in a parking structure. By conveniently locating development adjacent to a wide array of travel options, this development will help achieve an environment where transit, walking and biking are not only readily available and encouraged, but thrive.

For more information about Redmond's Downtown Transit Center, visit the King County web site at www.metrokc.gov/kcdot/tod/redmond.stm.

To learn more about Redmond's Transportation Master Plan, visit www.redmond.gov/connectingredmond/policiesplans/tmpprojectdocs.asp.

Downtown East/West Corridor Study

The vision to reclaim the heart of downtown as an economically healthy, people-friendly place, enhanced by the movement of pedestrians, bikes, cars and a diversity of businesses continues to take shape this year with the Downtown East/

West Corridor Study. This study will be a collaborative effort with the community to create streets in downtown that are people places balancing vehicle flow, property access, on-street parking and pedestrian friendliness. It will also identify ways to improve the character and identity of the area. The Downtown East/West Corridor Study focuses on Redmond Way, Cleveland Street and the NE 76th Street/BNSF Railroad Right-of-Way from 159th Ave NE to 170th Ave NE, as well as connecting streets between these corridors.

The Three-Year Priority Action Plan in the City's Transportation Master Plan includes a project to design a conversion of Redmond Way and Cleveland Street from the existing one-way couplet with traffic going west on Redmond Way and east on Cleveland Street to a two-way system where traffic flows east and west on both streets. This is intended to be part of the strategy to reclaim downtown streets from traffic and create a more balanced transportation system in the heart of downtown.

An analysis of current and future traffic patterns in downtown Redmond will be done as part of the study. It will confirm that the conversion is feasible and desirable, given existing and future traffic conditions. It will be based on the latest transportation and land use plans for downtown. The traffic analysis will also examine NE 76th Street, the connecting streets between these corridors and Redmond Way east to the SR 520 interchange.

City staff will be seeking community input as a key component of the Downtown East/West Corridor Study, beginning with a public open house planned for late spring/early summer 2008. At the

conclusion of the study, which is expected to be at the end of the year, City staff will present recommendations and an implementation plan for a preferred set of improvements for downtown.

If you'd like to receive information about the status of the Downtown East/West Corridor Study, contact Susan Byszeski at sbyszeski@redmond.gov or at 425-556-2882 to be added to the mailing list.

Dear Redmond Community,

I am pleased to announce that the 2008 Redmond Derby Days planning is underway.

During the 2007 election there was rhetoric that Derby Days would be canceled. I want to assure you that the City is holding the 68th annual Redmond Derby Days and the 10th annual RedmondLights Celebration in 2008.

Redmond Derby Days Summer Festival is from 10am-10pm on Saturday, July 12, on the City Hall campus. I look forward to all of the fun and memorable elements

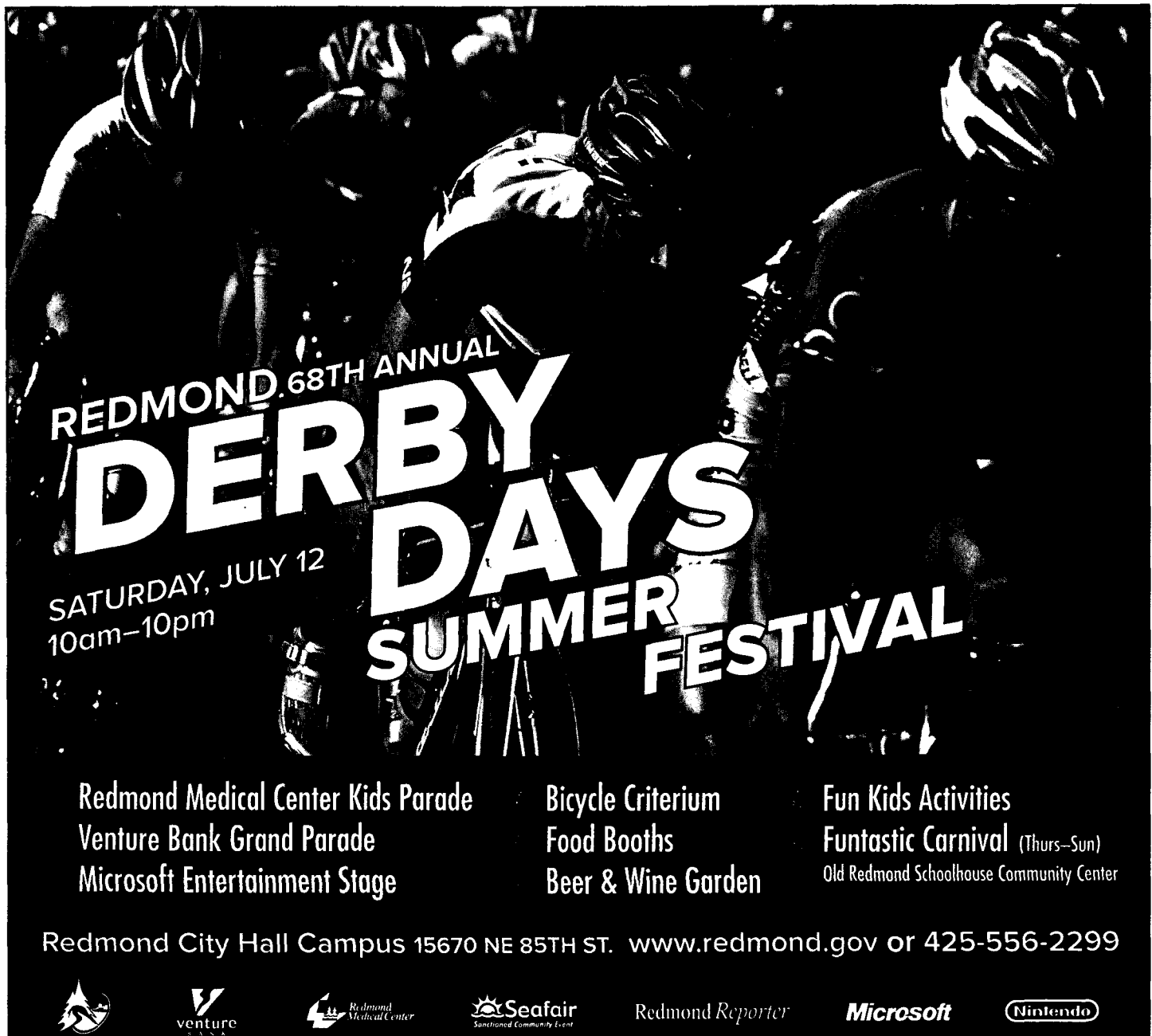
of the festival that make Derby Days unique to Redmond. Mark your calendars for the nation's longest running bike race, the parades, great music, vendors, food, carnival and kids activities. At the end of the evening, I hope your family will join mine at 10pm for the popular fireworks finale!

Derby Days and RedmondLights are community celebrations and are dependent on community partners. Both events are planned by volunteer committees and are supported through the generous donation of

sponsorship. I encourage your business, service organization, religious or school group to contribute to the creativity of these community traditions. For information on how to participate or sponsor, please contact Jill Smith, Events and Marketing Administrator at 425-556-2360.

Sincerely,


Mayor John Marchione



REDMOND 68TH ANNUAL
DERBY DAYS
SUMMER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JULY 12
10am-10pm

Redmond Medical Center Kids Parade	Bicycle Criterium	Fun Kids Activities
Venture Bank Grand Parade	Food Booths	Funtastic Carnival (Thurs-Sun)
Microsoft Entertainment Stage	Beer & Wine Garden	Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center

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